In the Specification

Please substitute the following paragraph on page 26, beginning at line 6:

The beads were allowed to settle for 2 h prior to siphoning off the depleted supernatant. The settled beads were then transferred to 50 ml Falcon tubes (Becton Dickinson Biosciences, UK) and recovered by centrifugation at 200*g*. The beads were transferred to a 30 ml column (Biorad, UK) and then washed with 300 mls of cold phosphate-buffered saline, 0.5 M NaCl, pH 8.3. The column was eluted with 0.1 M citric acid, pH 3.0 into 10 x 2 ml fractions in glass tubes containing 0.4 ml of 2.75M Tris, pH 8.5 for immediate neutralization of the citric acid. Fractions containing CD28TFc according to analysis by 12% sodium dodecyl sulphate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) were concentrated to 0.5ml or no higher concentration than 20 mg/ml using a Centriprep 10 concentrator (Millipore Corp). The protein was then applied to a Superdex 200 H/R gel filtration column (Amersham Biosciences) pre-equilibrated with 10 mM Hepes, 140 mM NaCl, pH 7.4 (HBS buffer) for up to three successive runs. Eluting fractions were monitored for absorbance at 280 nm. Protein-containing fractions were examined by SDS-PAGE. Each cycle of batch purification yielded ~9 mgs of CD28TFc; up to 7 batch-~~purfications~~purifications was required to deplete all the CD28TFc per set of 6 cell factories (~5 litres of starting tissue culture supernatant).